## Title I, Part A Set-Aside for Homeless Children

ESEA Section 1113(c)(3)(A) says that an LEA "shall reserve such funds as are necessary" to provide services to homeless children and that these services must be comparable to the services the district provides to children in Title I, Part A schools. Title I regulations, Section 200.77(a)(1) say that LEAs "must reserve funds as are reasonable and necessary" to serve homeless children.

ESEA regulations Section 725(2)-Homeless Children and Youth: Children and youth "who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." This includes students who live in shelters, abandoned buildings, cars, public spaces, motels, hotels, campgrounds, or are "doubled-up" with other families due to economic hardship.

## Title I, Part A Set-Aside Methods

- Method #1 Identify homeless students' needs and fund accordingly
- Method #2 Obtain count of homeless students, and multiply by Title I, Part A per-pupil allocation
- Method #3 Reserve an amount of funds greater than or equal to the amount of your McKinney-Vento allocation
- Method #4 Reserve a specific percentage based on your district's poverty level or total Title I,
  Part A allocation.

## Method #1 - Identify homeless students' needs and fund accordingly

- Needs Assessment
  - Where are students low academically?
  - Why are students low in those areas?
  - How many staff hours would it take and what materials would they need?
  - How will we evaluate?

## Method #2 – Obtain count of homeless students, and multiply by Title I, Part A per-pupil allocation

• Example: Your district identifies 10 homeless students. Your Title I per-pupil allocation is \$100. You could comply with the set-aside requirement by reserving \$1,000 (\$100 per-pupil allocation X 10 students).

<u>Method #3</u> – Reservation of funds greater than or equal to the amount of your McKinney-Vento allocation

• Example: Your McKinney-Vento Homeless Education allocation is \$10,000 so your Title I, Part A set-aside is \$10,000

Method #4 – Reserve a percentage based on your district's poverty level or total Title I, Part A allocation

• Example: Your district's poverty level is 5% and your district's Title I allocation is \$100,000. Therefore, your set-aside will be \$5,000

\*\*\* Caveat – consider comparison data (e.g., mobility rates, US census data, etc.)

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